(b) the quantum of financial assistance given by the Central Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE N THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Hill Area Development Programme is in operation in 8 hill districts of Almora, Dehradun, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Nainital, Chamoli, Pithoragarh and Uttar Kashi. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Government, special Central assistance is being provided in these hill districts to develop various sectors such as agriculture, rural development, irrigation and flood control, energy etc. Financial and physical progress achieved is enclosed at annexure I and II respectively. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 95 and 96.] The allocation of special Central assistance under the Hill Area Development Programme to the State for U.P. hill areas is given in a Annexure-III. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 97].

Communities enlisted on SC/ST

1666. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of communities in different States which are enlisted as Scheduled Tribes, and Scheduled Castes;

(b) the population of each of these communities according to the last census; and

(c) the details of schemes proposed to be implemented for the welfare of these communities ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The complete list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is given in the Manual of Election Law, 9th Edition published by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs which is a priced publication.

(b) The Census Commissioner has not so far released the population of each of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities based on 1981 census.

(c) The schemes in various sectors of development are implemented for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as a whole and as such the schemes are not formulated on community-wise basis. The information regarding different schemes being undertaken for the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is given in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Welfare for the year 1985-86, a copy of which has already been placed in both the Houses of Parliament during the budget Session.

Amount Earmarked for Tribal Sub-Plan

1667. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the amount earmarked for implementing schemes under the tribal sub-plan in the Seventh Five Year Plan period and what amount is proposed to be spent on the tribal sub-plan in Orissa during the same period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): The estimated funds for the Tribal Sub-Plan in the Seventh Five Year Plan are :—

	Rs. in crores
(i) Flow from State Plan to Tribal Sub-Plan	6370·89
(ii) Special Central Assistance	756·00
(iii) Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Scheduled Tribes.	1455·00

For the State of Orissa, the estimated flow of funds are :—

		Rs. in Crores
(i)	Flow from the State Plan	881·90
(ii)	S.C.A. . . .	96·0
(iii)	Centrally Sponsored Schemes . . .	208·89

Setting up of nickel extraction plant at Sukinda in Orissa

1668. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's only known commercially workable deposits of nickel ore are located in Sukinda Valley in Cuttack district in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up a nickel extraction plant at Sukinda for the proper exploitation of the nickel ore resources available in that area; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to expedite the implementation of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c) About 90% of the country's known ore reserves of nickel is found in the Sukinda area of Cuttack Distt., Orissa. The metal content of the ore is as low as 1.05%. In order to investigate the viability of a project based on this deposit, the available data was evaluated with the assistance of the Canadian International Development Agency. This brought out that the cost of carrying out further studies would be about Rs. 48.71 crores. In view of the severe constraint on resources and the adverse economics of producing nickel at Sukinda, there did not appear to be sufficient justification for incurring this expenditure. A technical group has been constituted by the Department of Mines in April, 1986 to formulate plans for development of an appropriate technology for extraction of nickel from Sukinda nickel deposits.

SC/ST Status to Tea Garden Labour of Assam

1669. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government have under consideration a proposal to include tea garden labourers in Assam in the list of Scheduled Tribes as has been done in the case of such labourers in West Bengal and Tripura ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : The proposal to include tea garden labourers in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Assam is being considered along with similar other proposals in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Further, amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution.

Amendment of Press and Registration of Books Act

1670. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend Sections 5 and 6 of the Press and Registration of Books Act; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Bill to amend certain Sections of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 including its